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In re patent application of:

Nordine CHEIKH *et al.*

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For: **Nucleic Acid Molecules and Other
Molecules Associated with the
Phosphogluconate Pathway**

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Examiner: Marjorie A. Moran

Atty. Docket: 16517.216

**Notice of Appeal from the Examiner to the
Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences**

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Sir:

Applicants hereby appeal to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the decision of the Examiner mailed April 12, 2004, that resulted in Applicants having claims that have been twice or finally rejected.

Authorization to charge the official fee for this filing is given in the accompanying transmittal letter.

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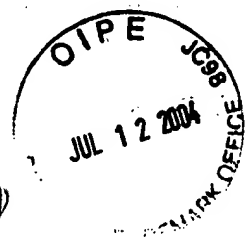
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Re: U.S. Patent Application No. 09/300,482
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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (PTO) are the following documents:

1. Notice of Appeal from the Examiner to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences; and
2. Return postcard.

It is respectfully requested that the attached postcard be stamped with the date of filing of these documents, and that it be returned to our courier.

Authorization is hereby given to charge the statutory fee of \$330.00 for filing a Notice of Appeal to Arnold & Porter LLP Deposit Account No. 50-2387, referencing docket number 16517.216. A duplicate copy of this letter is enclosed.

In the event that extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned. Applicants do not believe any additional fees are due in conjunction with this filing. However, if any fees are required in the present application, including any fees for extensions of time, then the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge such fees to Arnold & Porter LLP Deposit Account No. 50-2387, referencing docket number 16517.216.

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